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—Jack on's Farewell Address.

From the Washington Globe.

One of the fallacies or rather frauds practised by those who are interested in entailing this miserable system upon us for ever, is the effort to persuade the people that credit and paper money banking are identical and inseparable; just as if credit, in the shape of bills of exchange, deposit, and transfer, letters of credit, bonds, promissory notes, orders, &c. had not existed long before, and was not completely independent of the modern system of banking; which, by the way, is more abused in America than in any other country. I believe in my conscience, that under another and better system, credit for credit would be sounder, surer, and even more extended. Formerly it was easy for an honest man of industrious habits to borrow a moderate amount upon his hand, for an indefinite period, if he paid the interest regularly. Now he must have influence, and find endorser, for whom, by-the-by he is bound to perform the same dangerous office, and crouch like a slave every sixty days to obtain the renewal of his accommodation, which is liable to be withdrawn at every breath of rumor. He must part with his peace of mind, his honest pride, his manly dignity. He must daily eat what the poet calls the bitter bread of dependence. I should like to have time to discuss this part of my subject, but must pass it by.

I unhesitatingly avow, unfashionable and Utopian as the opinion may appear, that I do not believe in the reality or permanent practicability of any money but that consisting of the precious metals, which have, in all ages and in all nations, with slight occasional and unfortunate exceptions, been employed as such. I cannot see the alleged difficulty of a gradual return to the old, safe, honest system. I have not time now to give my reasons in full, but must confine myself to presenting a few facts thrown together in a random manner. In 1831, Mr. Gallatin published a pamphlet written professionally to advocate, though with great moderation and good sense, a national bank. Hear then what he says: "The substitution of a paper currency, to the precious metals, does not appear to be attended with any other substantial advantage than its cheapness; and the actual benefit may be calculated with tolerable accuracy. If in a country which wants and does possess a metallic currency of seventy millions of dollars, a paper currency to the same amount should be substituted, the seventy millions in gold and silver being no longer wanted for that purpose, will be exported, and the returns may be converted into a productive capital, and add an equal amount to the wealth of the country. If the banking system, founded on the principle of a paper currency, which cannot, at will, be converted into specie, should be adopted, and notes of a very low denomination be excluded, it will be found that the circulation would consist of about fifty millions in bank notes, and ten millions in silver. But in that case the banks, in order to sustain specie payments, must, on an average, have in their vaults about twenty millions of specie. This is believed to be nearly the state of things at this time in the United States, if, according to common usage, we consider bank notes as constituting the whole of the paper currency. There have been, therefore, on that principle, only forty millions of dollars saved and added to the productive capital of the country. This, at the rate of five per cent. a year, may be considered as equal to an additional annual national profit of two millions of dollars. The substitution of bank notes to a metallic currency produces the same effect as an addition of two millions a year to the exports of the United States, or as a diminution of taxes to the same amount. Being inclined to think that the credits on the books of the banks called deposits, in the United States, constitute, to all intents and purposes, a part of their currency, we believe that the benefit derived from the banking system is still greater, and is tantamount to an annual national saving, or additional profit, of nearly five millions of dollars." This is certainly an important advantage, provided the system is so conducted as to afford complete security; and it would be altogether free of objection, if the banks were only banks of deposit, and issued no paper. Banks are certainly a very expensive implement of agriculture. The capital expended on these buildings, in the middle and northern States, is more than the value of one year's crop of the farms, and causes, therefore, a reduction of more than five per cent. on the annual gross produce of the earth. To dispense with banks would be a greater annual saving

than that which arises from the substitution of a paper to a metallic currency. Some favorable seasons occur, when the farmer might thresh his wheat on a temporary floor exposed to the weather, and dispense with a barn; yet, in our climate, every prudent farmer prefers security to a precarious advantage, and would consider it a most wretched economy not to incur the expense necessary for that object. Similar is the economy of that expensive instrument, the precious metals, if the substituted paper currency is insecure. To unite that security which is desired from a uniform and permanent standard of value, with the acknowledged and considerable saving arising from the substitution, is the difficult problem to be solved in every country that resorts to the cheaper species of circulating medium. It has been lately stated, that the bank notes of every description in England amount to twenty-eight millions sterling, and the bullion in the vaults of the bank to thirteen millions. If this is correct, the capital saved is only fifteen millions, and the annual profit derived from the paper currency six hundred thousand pounds sterling. Mr. Gallatin, then, regards the quantum not as one of difficulty or impossibility, but merely of expediency and economy, which I think, too, he has much overrated in his second estimate. BUT WE HAVE HERE PRESENTED THE ASTOUNDING FACT, WHICH I HAVE NOT SEEN NOTICED BEFORE, THAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY HAD, IF WE HAVE NOT NOW, AN AMOUNT OF THE PRECIOUS METALS IN THE COUNTRY EQUAL TO THAT ESTIMATED BY MR. GALLATIN TO CONSTITUTE THE WHOLE CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY IN 1830, SAY SEVENTY MILLIONS. After this, let us hear nothing more about the absurd project and Utopian theory of a purely metallic currency. Its feasibility is already practically demonstrated.

To show the abundance of the precious metals, not to speak of their constantly increasing supply, in comparison with the trifling amount which we shall demand for this purpose, I subjoin another extract from Mr. Gallatin's pamphlet: "The total amount of gold and silver produced by the mines of America to the year 1803, inclusively, and remaining there or exported to Europe, has been estimated by Humboldt at about five thousand six hundred millions of dollars; and the products of the years 1804 and 1830 may be estimated at seven hundred and fifty millions. If to this we add one hundred millions, i.e. nearly ascertained products to this time of the mines of Siberia; about four hundred and fifty millions for the African gold dust, and for the product of the mines of Europe (which yielded about three millions a year in the beginning of this century) from the discovery of America to this day; and three hundred millions for the amount existing in Europe prior to the discovery of the fact, of seven thousand two hundred millions of dollars. It is much more difficult to ascertain the amount which now remains in Europe and America together. The loss by friction and accidents might be estimated, and researches made respecting the total amount which has been exported to countries beyond the Cape of Good Hope; but that which has been actually consumed in gilding, plated ware, and other manufactures of the same character, cannot be correctly ascertained. From the imperfect data within our reach, it may, we think, be affirmed, that the amount still existing in Europe and America certainly exceeds four thousand, and most probably falls short of five thousand millions of dollars. Of the medium, or four thousand and five hundred millions, which we have assumed, it appears that from one-third to two-fifths is used as currency, and that the residue consists of jewels, plate, and other manufactured articles. It is known that of the gross amount of seven thousand two hundred millions of dollars, about one thousand eight hundred millions, or one-fourth of the whole in value, and one forty-eighth in weight, consisted of gold, &c. &c. From these and more imperfect data, in relation to other countries, we believe that the total amount of currency in Europe and America may be estimated at two thousand to two thousand three hundred millions of dollars, three-fourths of which consist of the precious metals, and the residue of bank notes and irredeemable paper money."

These estimates form so authentic a source, will probably make some of our erudite newspaper scribbles, who habitually assert that the whole world does not contain enough of gold and silver to supply a metallic currency to the United States alone, open their eyes. Again I say, while we are disputing about the possibility of the thing, lo! it is done. So much for the calumniated administration of General Jackson, the fruits of whose measures, however, we are beginning to lose, by the conspiracy of banks and merchants to send the specie once more out of the country. The only plausible objection that I see to the scheme, is the possible depreciation of prices, by the contraction of the currency, which it might involve, affecting the value of existing contracts. But I am by no means convinced that the effect would occur, and were the change to be made gradually, and judiciously conducted. If it did, it would be slow, gradual, and once for all. Not so with the present elastic currency, which expands and contracts alternately, and is ever vibrating between the extremes of redundancy and scarcity. For instance, if I had bought a house for \$10,000 last year, when money was plentiful, made payable now when it is scarce, I should have to exchange two or three houses, or their equivalent value, to raise the funds wherewith to discharge my debt.

The ups and downs of the present system have nearly destroyed every thing like regular commerce or honest trade. Business is now a lottery, as hazardous, as dangerous, as demoralizing, as gambling. The reckless speculator has every advantage over the honest trader, who is soon compelled to follow in the steps of the former. No prudence is safe, no honor is clear, as things are now managed. Bankruptcies have become frequent beyond all parallel. Formerly, if a man failed, it was incurred as a public calamity. Now, it is so common as scarcely to arrest the attention, and that for sums which startle the imagination. There are more failures now occurring in one year, sometimes, than formerly in perhaps a century. Whole streets fall together, like the card houses set up by children; whole cities, sometimes entire nations, share the calamity. Men fall for millions, who, a few years before, were worth absolutely nothing. It is even a distinction to break for a splendid sum, and gives a sort of reputation. The magnificent bankrupt is pointed out in the street, and men touch their hats to him in honor of his infamy. Hundreds of innocent victims are prostrated by the imprudence or dishonesty of one man. What anxiety, what fear, what misery, are inflicted upon the communities by this disastrous system! What wear and tear of soul, of heart, of conscience! It is remarked that, in a time of pestilence, common humanity seems to disappear; so, in seasons of commercial disaster, universal integrity seems to give way. Men do those things then, and in a body, from which before, and alone, they would have shrunk with horror. O! the villany, the deception, the collusion, practised in the shape of fraudulent bankruptcies, secret arrangements, unfair conveyances, preferred debts, &c. To fail with the pocket full, has become a proverbial saying. A man's fortune is sometimes estimated by the number of his bankruptcies; of another it is said that he has prospered because he has failed. The flourishing bankrupt dashes the mud from his chariot wheels in the face of his ruined creditor. How many lost souls are now denouncing this iniquitous system as the cause of their perdition! For how many men are the jaws of destruction agape! Proud as we are, we must yet blush for the fact that we have become notorious for commercial dishonesty. What an anomaly, that a young Republic, fresh from the embrace of Liberty, should already be more corrupt than the worn-out monarchies of the old world! Fresh from the embraces of liberty, did I say? No: we have already banished the goddess from our arms, and taken to our bosom in her place a painted harlot!

Mr. Editor, our late venerable President deserves eternal gratitude for this, if for nothing else; that, to use the rough phrase of a strong writer, "he rummaged up the hornet's nest," of unmindful of the buzz, and still more regardless of the stings of the vindictive insects. He may not be a skillful financier; but he had the indignation of a soldier and a gentleman for a state of things which he saw and felt was fraudulent, oppressive, and unjust. To use his own noble declaration, he would not sanction a system calculated to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer. He has put matters in such a condition, that a radical reform is now indispensable; and from this chaos I hope to see order, beauty, and harmony arise. But he came not to the subject so raw and fresh as many suppose. Years before, in his own State, his many opposition checked, if it did not entirely prevent, kindred evils which proved the temporary ruin of Kentucky. I confess I had my fears for his successor. I knew him to be honest, intelligent and skillful; but the calumnies of his enemies had led me to apprehend that he lacked that high moral courage, that indomitable strength of purpose, which gave power and authority and triumph to his immortal predecessor. But I am beginning to be relieved of my fears. His firm attitude in the storm which rages around him, his manly resistance to the dictation of the merchants committee, and above all, his late noble determination to divorce the Government entirely from its adulterous connection with the banks, prove him to be a man equal to the crisis. What has the Government to do with the speculations of scheming individuals, or the operations of anti-republican corporations? It will prove firm to his purpose, popular sentiment will support him, or even go beyond him, if he lag behind. From all sides I see the most encouraging signs of a healthy reaction in the public mind. It is rising to the occasion, and nothing can now check its course. Like a mighty river, fed by the torrents of a thousand hills, and swelled by the rills of countless plains, public opinion is expanding and advancing, until soon every obstacle will be swept away by its resistless power. The people feel that they have their foot upon the neck of the monster, and they will crush the life out of his serpent head, and consume his very teeth to ashes; but they spring up again in armed myriads to assault

and subdue us.  
And now, before I close, a word about myself. I know the risk which I incur in performing the task which my conscience has imposed upon me. I know that the whole pack of bank mercenaries, from the bloodhounds to the beagles, all the prostituted scribes and pensioned penny-a-liners, will be let loose upon me. But this moves me not, nay, rather seems to strengthen my purpose. Neither the knife of the assassin, nor the bludgeon of the ruffian, nor the pistol of the duellist, nor the file-knawing tooth of calumny, nor what to me is a thousand times worse—the coldness of friends and the discountenance of society—shall make me bate one inch. I attack no man's private reputation, I assault no man's personal honor; but I assume the right of every freeman to assail public men and public measures, upon public grounds, without fear as without favor, without scruple as without remorse. Against them I will employ every shaft in my quiver. I throw myself upon the people, whose cause I assert, whose rights I vindicate. Young, weak, obscure, insignificant, I am yet strong in my cause, and great in my design. I feel the eye of God upon me: His representative, conscience, within my breast. I solemnly believe that this contest involves liberty, law, honor, happiness, existence itself, not only now, but through an illimitable future. I find comfort in myself and in my cause. They feel not in the power of truth, they understand not the essential dignity of human nature, who cannot conceive the high enthusiasm, the lofty courage of him—  
— who called upon to face  
Some awful moment, to which Heaven has joined  
Great issues, good or bad, for human kind,  
Is happy as a lover, and as true  
With sudden brightness, like a man inspired.

With the poor Augustine monk, yet great reformer of Christianity, when arraigned before thrones and principalities and powers, I would fain exclaim, with simple German energy, "Hier stehe Ich—Ich kann nicht anders—Gott hilf mir. Hier I stand—I cannot otherwise—God help me!"  
A YEOMAN.

## THE NOMINATION.

If the democratic press may be considered any criterion, no nomination in this State for the gubernatorial office was ever hailed with more satisfaction by the democracy, than that made by the Augusta Convention. From no section and from no individual have we heard complaints, such as are sometimes made, of unfairness and corrupt management in obtaining the nomination, but on the contrary, differences of opinion in regard to men, we are assured, will be cheerfully yielded to the prevailing opinion in favor of Col. PARKS. This is as it should be. No doubt here and there an individual may be found, as is always the case, who wishes to cut up, divide and defeat, and transfer the power of the majority to the well defined minority, inverting the good old principle that the governing power is rightly invested in the majority. But such democrats we believe to be rare—they cannot, if they would, make inroads upon the phalanx of our strength. Foes without are soon discovered, and when found out, they are ranked as foes without. These remarks are in anticipation of an old measure of our opponents, to represent, (or rather to misrepresent) that the democratic party is not united upon candidates brought forward for popular suffrage.

But it is not enough that the Convention have made a nomination which is entirely acceptable to the democracy. The candidate must be elected, and in order to do it, our friends throughout the State must not act the sluggard's part; they must arouse themselves, furnish their weapons and gird on their armor. The election, the day on which the great decisive action is to be fought, is near at hand. Are we prepared for it? What is the state of our organization and discipline, and do we know what our vigilant and never-tiring foe is about? All that it is necessary for us to do and to know, if we intend to conquer the enemy as usual, and gather fresh laurels. We must be awakened, keep awake, and watch while we work, if we would sustain our candidate, and rally the doings of the convention. Let every democrat act upon these suggestions, and the result is not doubtful, but certain as any future event can be.

Col. Parks is well known to a large portion of the democracy of this State as one of their most able and efficient Representatives in Congress, where, for four years, he sustained their favorite principles, and advocated their interests, with great zeal, assiduity and success, to the unqualified approbation of his constituents, and the honor of his State; and established an enviable reputation for ability, integrity, faithfulness and sagacity with the late administration, and the most eminent men in that august body. It would be difficult, indeed, for a man, who, to point to a single act in his political life, which looks like inconsistency, tergiversation, or departure from the principles of democracy, and strict rules of political and moral honesty. His talents and qualifications for the Chief Magistracy of the State, can scarcely be considered subjects for controversy; friends and opponents acknowledge his capacity, attainments, the profundity of his knowledge, and the brilliancy of his genius; and his political friends have this

unwavering confidence in the soundness of his principles, the correctness of his understanding, the clearness of his head, and the goodness and purity of his heart.

Can any one civil at such qualifications in the candidate propounded for our next Governor? Can better recommendations be offered in his favor, or better proofs be exhibited to the democracy to prove that their duly authorized agents put in nomination an individual worthy of their utmost confidence, and fully entitled to their cordial, hearty and united support? We think not. We believe the nomination acceptable, and that it will be cheerfully, warmly and triumphantly responded to and sustained by the people in September. Ours is a contest for principle, and for men to personate, demonstrate, and carry out these principles. Let us, one and all, then, enter the contest with spirit, energy and determination to abide by our principles, and to elect GORHAM PARKS our next Governor.—*Ea. Republican.*

[From the Eastern Argus.]

## REGULAR NOMINATIONS.

We have frequently and urgently—but, we trust, not too frequently, nor too urgently—endeavored to impress upon the minds of our political friends the absolute necessity, if they would preserve their political ascendancy, of adhering, in good faith, to regular nominations. Reflection, and all experience, admonish us to remember that when a party departs from that rule of faith, or suffers it, even through neglect, to be brought into disrepute, it takes the first step in that downward path to ruin which few can hope of survive, and none can ever enough regret. It is to a strict and uniform adherence to Regular Nominations, upon all occasions, that the democracy of this State is indebted for whatever of power it enjoys—and if ever that democracy shall become so corrupt as to disregard the doctrine, it will that moment deserve the contempt of its friends, and the iron rule of its enemies. In this matter there is no middle ground—there can be none.

If there are objections to a candidate they should be brought forward and investigated at the nominating Convention—for when that body places him before the public, he becomes the candidate of the party, and no man who has the good of the party at heart, will sanction either openly or secretly, any measures calculated to endanger his success, and, in common with it, the ascendancy of the principles which he is chosen to represent. If there are those who have personal ends to answer, and private griefs to redress, it is a matter of no interest to the democratic party. That party will never consent to become an arbiter of personal quarrels, nor a tool in the hands of any man or set of men who show by their acts that they are anxious to ruin where they cannot rule. When a party has no higher aim than to depress one man and elevate another—when it loses sight of the principles which it should be its principle to object to maintain—when its rule of action is shown to be men, not measures—then will that party cease to be worthy of the confidence of the people—such, we feel sure, will never be the condition of the democracy of Maine.

*Down East Girls.*—When the down east girls wish to threaten each other with a flogging, they say, "I will be into you like a thousand of brick." When a wild lark attempts to steal a kiss from a Nantucket girl, she says, "Come sheer off, or I'll split your mainsail with a typhoon." The Boston girls hold still until they are well kissed, when they flare up all at once, and say, "I should think you ought to be ashamed."—*Boston paper.*

When a young chap steals a kiss from an Alabama girl, she says, "I reckon it's my time now," and gives him a box on the ear that he don't forget in a week.—*Irvington Herald.*

When a clever fellow steals a kiss from a Louisiana girl she smiles, blushes deeply, and says—nothing. We think our girls have more taste and sense than those of down east and Alabama. When a man is smart enough to steal the divine luxury from them, they are perfectly satisfied.—*Pineyune.*

When a female is here saluted with a buss, she puts on her bonnet and shawl and answereth thus—"I am astonished at thy assurance, Jedediah; for this indignity I will sew thee up."—*Lynn Record.*

The ladies in this village receive a salute with Christian meekness. They follow the scripture rule—when smitten on the one cheek, they turn the other also.—*Bungtown Chronicle.*

As for the New York girls, they go on the regular spoils of victory principle. A man must to the honor of his State; and established an enviable reputation for ability, integrity, faithfulness and sagacity with the late administration, and the most eminent men in that august body. It would be difficult, indeed, for a man, who, to point to a single act in his political life, which looks like inconsistency, tergiversation, or departure from the principles of democracy, and strict rules of political and moral honesty. His talents and qualifications for the Chief Magistracy of the State, can scarcely be considered subjects for controversy; friends and opponents acknowledge his capacity, attainments, the profundity of his knowledge, and the brilliancy of his genius; and his political friends have this

*A BELL.*—An Irish quack doctor, who had invented a remedy for sore eyes, headed his advertisement, "Let every blind man look at my eye!"



# LETTER FROM MR. ADAMS.

Quincy, 1st July, 1837.

William Foster, Esq., Boston:

Dear Sir,—Your friendly letter of the 21st ult. has perhaps remained already too long unanswered; but when I received it, I had expressed opinions respecting the present condition of our public affairs, in answer to inquiries from some of my constituents of the 21st Congressional District, which have since been published, and which I presume are as explicit as you may think they ought to be at this time, and which will pass for what they are worth in the community.

I still believe it the duty of every good citizen to contribute, according to his ability, toward the forming and modifying of public opinion because she is more than ever the queen of the world; but for the regulating of my own conduct, a long and trying experience has taught me two lessons, though not always to square my conduct by them. The first is, distrust the correctness of my own opinions upon every thing prospective and conjectural—the second, never to flatter myself that my opinions will have any influence upon the action of any other human being.

Thus, in the present condition of our country, I have very decided opinions upon the past; differing from those of a large majority of the people of the United States. And as our views of the expedient action for the future, might, in a great degree, depend upon the conclusions to which we have come upon the past, it is impossible that the measures which I should deem the only executive remedies for our complaints should be acceptable to the ruling power of the country. I am, and during a great part of my life have been, in a minority. It is the business of the majority to propose and accomplish measures. It is too much the practice of minorities to expend all their energies upon devices to defeat the measures of the majority. The question of right and wrong, so far as my experience goes, is of use to either party only for the purpose of making professions.

We are in the midst of a national bankruptcy—occasioned by the insolvency of multitude of individuals. We are now told that all the banks in the United States have suspended specie payments—and what is the suspension of specie payments but setting the laws of property at defiance? If the President and Directors of a bank have issued a million of bills, promising to pay five dollars to the holder of each and every one of them, the suspension of specie payments is, by one act the breach of one million of promises. What is this but fraud upon every holder of their bills? And what difference is there between the President and Directors of such a bank, and the skilful artist who engraves a bank bill, a fac-simile of the bill signed by the President and Directors, and saves them the trouble of signing it, by doing it for them? The only difference that I can see in the operations is, that the artist gives evidence of superior modesty. It requires more talent to sign another man's name than one's own; and the counterfeiter does at least his work in the dark, while the suspenders of specie payments brazen it in the face of the day, and laugh at the victims and dupes, who have put faith in their promises.

You ask what is to be the remedy for this state of things? There are two remedies both of which may be practicable. One is, that the Congress of the United States should exercise its powers to regulate the currency; but they must do this (which they will not) without consulting Banks, their Presidents, and Directors. The Legislatures of New York and Virginia have already shown what the Presidents and Directors of Banks will advise. And the proposal of the President of a broken Bank in Charleston, South Carolina, to begin with an amendment to the Constitution granting powers to Congress, which have already been granted to them, and which they have twice exercised to the great benefit of the nation, is an insult at once to our understanding and upon our misfortunes.

As little do I relish his other proposal of a general convention of broken Bank Presidents and Directors, to enlighten Congress with their advice—a convention of bankrupts to teach Congress reverence for the obligation of contracts, and how to make nothing but gold and silver a tender for the payment of debts!—of all remedies for existing evils, the last I would resort to would be a spurious coin from the mint of nullification.

The other remedy which I believe practicable is that of Solon—a sponge upon the account of debtor and creditor—wipes out all old scores and begin again. This is the hard-money system, and so far as I can judge, it is the essential system of the present administration—it is to detach the government from all banking, and deal in nothing but the precious metals. If Mr. Van Buren is made of stuff to go through with this operation, I wish him well out of it; but he will want other co-operators than the Legislatures of New York and Virginia; and other advisers than Presidents or Directors of broken Banks, or landjobbers upon loans from deposit banks.

I think of this as I thought of the dry-dock gunboat, restrictive anti-money system of Mr. Jefferson. It cost the nation a terrible war to be delivered of that, but the nation was effectually cured of its hydrophobia. The war was a drastic purge, but it effectually worked its cure. I fear that our present bankruptcy will need a still more violent course of alternatives, but the cure will come when the people are prepared to receive it. They are certainly not so now—they will most probably not be so during the remnant of my term of life. I hope you will live to witness and enjoy the consequences.

Forgive the freedom with which I have answered your letter, and believe me to be, with great respect, your friend and servant,  
J. Q. ADAMS.

## OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

Paris, August 15, 1837.

Democratic Republican Nomination.

### FOR GOVERNOR. GORMAN PARKS.

#### STATE SENATORS.

Oxford. . . . . JOB PRINCE,  
EDWARD L. OSGOOD.  
Cumberland. . . . . NATHAN L. WOODBURY,  
NATHAN S. LITTLEFIELD,  
RUFUS SOULE.  
Han. & Wash. . . . . SEWALL LAKE.  
Somerset. . . . . SAMUEL DAGGETT,  
JAMES H. GOWER.  
Waldo. . . . . SAMUEL S. HEGAN,  
JESSE SMART.

#### COUNTY TREASURER.

Oxford. . . . . ALANSON MELLER.

The opposition of the late administration to the U. S. Bank, and the support of the people to that opposition has neither been forgotten or forgiven by the federalists. The battle was fought earnestly and desperately, but the enemy though defeated was not destroyed. "We have scotched the snake but not killed it." It then used all the means it possessed to induce the people to favor its claims to be re-hatched. Men and presses that were or were supposed to be influential were bought up without much disguise, and the great mass, that could not be reached in this way, were put under the operation of the screws, and the most vigorous efforts were made to compel their neutrality or coerce their support. The plan however ably executed did not succeed. The people triumphed and by that victory they acquired new confidence and fresh energy. The advocates of the Bank however were not disposed to submit to that decision of the people. They had set up their banner and on it inscribed "Rule or Ruin." They prophesied encumbrance and distress if their demands were not granted, and they soon set themselves about accomplishing their own prophecies. The aristocracy of wealth had tried their strength against the democracy of numbers, and been defeated. They soon began to enlist new recruits for a new campaign. For that purpose they sought for an increase of State Banks, for experience had taught them that all bank men were their natural allies and friends. They also lured the most bold and ardent of all parties into the most extravagant speculations, by the facilities which they afforded and the prospect which they held out of sudden wealth without labor and almost without effort. When they had thus entangled their victims, they demanded as the price of their enlargement an unconditional submission to their terms. These terms are the support of the U. S. Bank and putting the federal party into power. If they are asked how this will afford relief the answer is try and see. If it is suggested that those who have caused the distress now may renew it when their interests require it, if entrusted with power, the answer is though we had the Bank under our control yet we had not the control of the government and the people. We were cramped in our operations by the resistance of the government and the people—Enable us to subdue them and then you shall have your reward. It now remains to be seen whether the people are disposed to trust their oppressors with additional power to injure them.—Whether the present state of things is likely to satisfy them of the necessity, the convenience and safety of banks, or whether it will not arouse them to restrain if not suppress institutions that set at defiance the laws and the people. Last year we were told that bills were better than specie, because they were a more convenient medium of exchange and could be converted into specie at the will of the holder. Though they then had in circulation more than ten dollars in bills to one in specie in their vaults, yet we were told there was no danger as they could find means to meet any call that might be made upon them. They did not then as they have since done boast that the holders of bills dare not demand their redemption, nor the Legislature to revoke their charters. They may make good their boast and the people may quietly submit to it.—They may do more. Here as elsewhere the Legislature may attempt to legalize bank failures and to set these institutions above the reach of the laws. Permit the whigs to triumph and the banks have nothing to fear and the people have nothing to hope.

In another part of our paper will be found the proceedings of the County Convention held in this place last week. The County was well represented in the Convention notwithstanding the busy season of the year. The best spirit prevailed and the delegates manifested that determination which the people in this County feel to sacrifice everything for principle and nothing for men. The utmost harmony prevailed throughout, and every thing indicates that Oxford will give a good account of herself at the coming election. The candidates selected need no eulogy of ours. It will be sufficient for the democracy of this County that they have been chosen by their delegates, representing their wishes and feelings. The vote was not unanimous, but the decision of the majority received the unanimous sanction of the Convention and will that of the democracy of Oxford.

Our readers must bear with us, if we devote an unusual share of our columns to political matters for a few weeks. The importance of the approaching election will be a sufficient justification in the eyes of our friends. It is important for the people to understand fully the nature and objects of the present contest. Elections are always important and the present one is at least of equal importance to any we have had for many years.

### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, OXFORD COUNTY.

At a Democratic County Convention held at Paris, pursuant to previous public notice. Hon. Cornelius Holland of Canton was chosen Chairman, and Levi P. Sawyer of Denmark, Secretary.

A committee of five was chosen to receive and examine the credentials of the delegates to the Convention, who reported the following as a list of the delegates from the towns in this County, viz:

Turner, Robert Marlin Alden Blossom.  
Oxford, Benjamin Pratt.  
Fryeburg, John W. Dana.  
Newry, Ephraim McKusick.  
Paris, Josiah Dudley, Simon S. Stevens.  
Dixfield, Thomas J. Cox.  
Norway, Amos M. Jordan, Jeremiah Howe.  
Sumner, Leonard Benson.  
Hebron, Wm. Cobb Jr.

Buckfield, Axel Spalding, Washington Heald.  
Harford, Daniel Parsons.  
Denmark, Levi P. Sawyer.  
Canton, Cornelius Holland.  
Jay, Francis Lawrence.

Waterford, John C. Gerry.

Rumford, David Kimball.

Porter, James French 2d.

Andover, Jonathan Virgin.

Bethel, Moses Mason, James Walker.

Lovell, John Walker.

Albany, Moses Pate.

Gilead, Asa Kimball.

Greenwood, Wm. Noyes.

Brownfield, Jachariah Mills.

Carthage, Daniel Storer.

Mexico, Peter Trask.

Peru, Sumner R. Newell.

Livermore, Daniel Briggs, Wm. H. Bretun.

A committee was then chosen to receive, sort and count the votes for two persons to be supported as candidates for Senators from this County in the next Legislature, who reported the names of Job Prince of Turner, and Edward L. Osgood of Fryburg, as having been chosen by the Convention.

Voted, To choose a Committee of five persons to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Convention, and Dana of Fryburg, Spaulding of Buckfield, Cox of Dixfield, Walker of Lovell, and Parsons of Harford were chosen.

A committee was then appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for a candidate for County Treasurer, who, having attended to that service, reported that Alanson Meller was unanimously chosen.

The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions, reported the following which were read and accepted.

1st. Resolved, That the value of all our property is regulated in a great degree by our circulating medium, and that it should be one of the first great objects of legislation to furnish a sound currency and one that will be uniform in its value and amount.

2d. Resolved, That the control of the currency carried with it the control of the business, the enterprise and wealth of the people, and that to establish an institution to furnish us with a circulating medium under the control of individuals is responsible to the people, is to create an institution that can at any time demand and ask an increase of its privileges and immunities, that can make itself felt in every legislative assembly in the Union—a power unknown to the Constitution, and thought of by its framers.

3d. Resolved, That it is the true policy of the people to diminish instead of to increase the patronage and influence of the National Executive, and that a National Bank controlled by the Executive would tend directly to bribery and corruption, and be in the hands of any administration that saw fit to use it an engine capable of perpetuating its power.

4th. Resolved, That our local Banks unrestrained as they are in their issues of paper compared with their specie capital, furnish us with a circulating medium fluctuating, liable to sudden expansions and contractions, and of course ruinous to the business of the community.

5th. Resolved, That the true currency for our commerce is not paper, but specie, and that a metallic currency, the only true standard of value for our property.

6th. Resolved, That the Merchant who purchases our products, our lumber, our manufactured goods for exportation, to arrive at their value here deducts from their value at the market, not only freight, insurance and commission, but also all the risks and loss attendant upon the high prices or deranged state of exchanges, and that the merchant who sells his imports for our consumption adds the same item to their cost, and that as a consequence it is the interest of the people that every facility possible should be afforded our exchanges, and that to aid them in these operations is the only proper sphere for the action of Banking institutions.

7th. Resolved, That it is the duty and we believe they are in their honor of paper compared with their specie capital, furnish us with a circulating medium fluctuating, liable to sudden expansions and contractions, and of course ruinous to the business of the community.

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for the purpose of multiplying State banks; but the late administration is not responsible for this, as it was done by both adherents and opponents of such administration, and in opposition to its views, for the purpose of private speculation.—Sixthly: the efforts of the late Executive to reform the currency were sincere; and had it been aided by its own adherents in the State Governments, and not systematically thwarted by its opponents in the Federal and State Governments, these efforts would have been effectual. Seventhly: this opposition was instigated by the president of the national bank, for the purpose of forcing the country to give another charter to that institution; and prosecuted by the leading politicians of what is called the "whig party," for the purpose of promoting their own election to the Presidency; and in this opposition, Mr. Bidle on one part, and Messrs. Adams, Clay, Calhoun, Harrison, Webster and others, on the other part, mutually used each other as instruments, each regarding the other as things to be used or not trusted. Eighthly: at the commencement of Gen. Jackson's administration, the period when, according to some politicians, our currency was the best in the world, it was as sound as it was immediately previous to the suspension of specie payments, and therefore greatly needed reform. Ninthly: that the embarrasments of our country are produced by overbanking and overtrading, the former the work of merchants, manufacturers and mechanics generally, stimulated by the facility with which paper money was obtained, and the extravagant prices to which every thing was forced by its abundance. Tenthly: that the immediate cause of these embarrasments was the sudden contraction of bank credits after an extraordinary expansion; and that this contraction was partly the work of the Bank of England and some very exclusive English bankers, and partly the work of the President of the United States bank. Eleventhly: that the motives of the former were to sustain the Bank of England under an extraordinary drain of specie, and crush the manufactures of this country; and the motives of the latter were to promote the views of his English creditors, without whose forbearance his institution cannot be sustained, and to coerce the country, through extraordinary distress, into granting a new charter to his bank. Twelfthly: that the suspension of specie payments was decided by Mr. Bidle in pursuance of this plan; he expecting that by such a contrivance the deposit banks would be destroyed, the National Treasury rendered bankrupt, and the people goaded, by immediate distress, into crying out that a national bank could alone afford salvation. Thirteenthly: that in this work he has been aided by city and town corporations, some acting directly in concert with him, as in Philadelphia, and others under an erroneous supposition of necessity. Fourteenthly: that the present condition of the currency has been produced, not by the Federal Government, but in spite of it, by the opponents of the Federal Government, for the purposes before mentioned. Fifteenthly: that the opposition of what may be called the national bank party, to the Federal Government, has been entirely unavailing, and that this inconsistency denotes a settled purpose, and very little scruple about the means of obtaining it. Sixteenthly: that while full measures of coercion is due to what may be called the deposit bank party, for multiplying State banks, and lending the public revenue to speculators, still more is due to the national bank party for striving to ruin the country for the purpose of ruling it. Seventeenthly: that whatever measure is due to Mr. Whitney, the president of the deposit bank system, such is due to Mr. Bidle, the president of the national bank system; that one is as good as the other; that neither of them are good; that the country has suffered, and is suffering, from the arrangements of both, and that the safety immediately requires that neither of them should be trusted with one dollar of its finances. \* \* \* \* \* Ninteenthly: that while the late Executive did wrong in many things, his object in refusing to sign the specie circular bill was to defeat a plan of the English bankers, through their agent, Mr. Bidle, to monopolize the national currency, and prostrate the State banks; a plan which Mr. Bidle had not ingeniously enough conceived from the exigencies, yet much liked Secretary of the Treasury. Twentiethly: that the opposition of the merchants to the efforts of the Federal Government to reform the currency, and their support of the national bank party is in opposition to their interests, and a support of a system by which they are ground to dust, for the benefit of a few bankers on both sides of the water; that Mr. Bidle, while pretending to aid them, has done his best to ruin them, and that he secretly lugs at the facility with which they are duped by his contemptuous excesses, and contents the blind servility with which they kiss the rod that smites them. Twenty-firstly: that the emancipation of the country from its troubles is not to be sought in presidential elections, in turning demagogues out to put demagogues in, but in restraining a vicious banking system, which, by continually producing distresses in the currency and in the price of property, deranges all business, and enables a few to rob the many.

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The Tories have succeeded in smuggling a Tory representative to Congress from Hancock and Washington districts, in Maine. This unfortunate issue results from the fatal indulgence of individual preferences. A spirit of division was engendered in the republican ranks, and while the brethren of the same family were engaged in open and bitter warfare among themselves, the federal Tories, their common enemies, were enabled, almost without opposition, to enter in and take possession, as it were, of the republican's own fireside and home.

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### WHAT THEY SAY OF US ABROAD.

We hope every democrat in Maine will read the articles which we subjoin from the Boston Morning Post and the Gloucester Democrat—we hope they will be attentively read, not with reference to the past, but with advantage for the future. If we ever expect to prosper as a party, we must preserve our integrity by adhering, through thick and thin, to REGULAR NOMINATIONS—that adherence is the polestar which has guided us to victory in years that are past, and which alone can ensure us success in years which are to come. Once abandoned it—once suffer it to be brought into dispute—any explanation which may follow will be in sufficient to heal the breach. We are well aware that the best men are not always nominated—we admit that improper results may sometimes be secured by management—but even under such circumstances it is not better to bear with the present evils than fly to others that we know not of? What ever might be our personal feelings, we could never justly ourselves if we neglected to go to the polls and vote for the regular candidates—for by such neglect we should feel that we were giving aid and succor to the enemy. If there be any thing wrong—if the opinions of any candidate are not in accordance with those of the people—the latter have the power in their hands, and will correct the errors of their political servants at the expiration of their official terms.

From the Boston Post.

The recent elections in Maine and Maryland, are both good lessons for the whole democracy of the country to study. In a Congressional district in Maine, where the democrats hold a large majority of the votes, and where the inhabitants are of that class the least liable to be influenced by the peculiar mode of electioneering usually adopted by the whigs, a federal candidate has been elected to Congress! And why? Because the democrats quarrelled among themselves—nominated two candidates, and after three or four contests remained idle, and suffered their majority opponents to beat them. There is a great wrong done to the whole democracy of the nation, merely to gratify the obstinacy of two individuals. Is this not in direct violation of the cardinal creed of our party, which should be observed with the utmost nicety at the crisis, "everything for principles, nothing for men?" Certainly it is, and de-

serves the reprobation of true republicans throughout the Union.

But how different is the result attained by a correct course of conduct in Maryland—by a strict adherence to those old party rules which have led the democracy on from victory to victory, for nearly forty years? In the city of Baltimore, under the guns of the whig fortress, and where the opposition possessed so many and so great advantages that they not only felt perfectly confident of success themselves, but where the friends of the democracy thought it almost beyond possibility for them to achieve a victory, a glorious triumph has been gained by the supporters of the national administration, and its opponents completely routed! More than this has been accomplished—in a district hereofore represented by a whig, the democrats have chosen their candidate by a large majority, and in the Sixth district, reelected the eloquent and bold defender of the people's rights, Mr. Thomas, in spite of the most vigorous efforts of the whigs, and their unceasing abuse for more than a year!

All this has been accomplished by ADHERENCE TO PARTY USAGES—BY HARMONY—BY UNION—VIGILANCE. Let our friends in North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Rhode Island, and Michigan, in each of which state elections for the next Congress are yet to be held, shun the example of the Maine district, and follow the course of their Maryland brethren, and like them, they will not only maintain their old ground, but win new and unexpected victories.

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From the Augusta Age.

ASSERTION.  
[From the Bangor Whig.]

Who, after crying down rag money, voted to charter twenty shaving mills in this State, at one session of the Legislature?

The Jackson party in the Legislature, aided by a few office holders as lobby members.

FACT.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL PARTY (including Mr. Kent's Representative from Bangor) VOTED NOT ONLY FOR EVERY BANK CHARTER THAT WAS GRANTED during the session referred to, BUT FOR EVERY ONE THAT WAS ASKED FOR AND NOT GRANTED.

The federal party move in one solid body in favor of chartering all banks. The democratic party were divided; and by their efforts MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THE CHARTERS WHICH THE FEDERAL PARTY EN MASSE VOTED FOR WERE DEFEATED.

The policy of that portion of the democratic party who voted for an increase of the banking capital of the State, was not to increase the paper currency, but absolutely to restrict it by enlarging the specie basis—a policy which they earnestly pursued against the most desperate efforts of the federal leaders, and which defeated victory, just as it had attained a degree of success, by the suspension of the banks. The federalists sought no increase of specie, or restriction of paper—went in one body for banks without lim-

it or restriction—and for the of the democracy of specie into the country.

THESE ARE THE FACTS OF THE session of 1836.

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THESE ARE THE FACTS, as to the session of 1836.

The facts as to the last winter are equally conclusive to the same point—and prove, beyond a doubt or a cavil, that the federal party in this State are the Bank party—and that the democratic party, while acquiescing in the system of banking, as a sort of necessary evil, have uniformly labored to hedge the banks about with restrictions, enlarge the specie basis, and restrain the issues of paper money.

If any one should dispute these sentiments, we will produce the fullest record evidence to sustain them, and we challenge the Bangor Whig, the Kennebec Journal, (whose editor has never, to our knowledge, withheld his vote from a single bank asked for since he has been in the Legislature,) the Portland Gazette, and the whole host of federal brawlers about the Jackson party creating banks, to enter the list, and refute a single one of our positions.

In the other States, the facts are nearly the same. Take Pennsylvania for instance, where the moment the federalists obtained the ascendancy, they TREBLED the bank capital of that State.

from the Bangor Post.

The "Somerset Journal" after indulging itself in slandering the reputation of Mr. Parks, as is the custom with all federal presses, concludes thus:—

"Two candidates are before you—one is Mr. Parks, the other is Edward Kent, for whose character, we fearlessly challenge investigation, who has shown himself in his profession, possessed of superior talents, and in all respects an upright and an honest man."

Now, we say, if Mr. Kent is an honest man—if he is a man of superior talents—still, even Mr. Kent may have his foibles and his frailties. Such is the fact, without doubt; and, if we were disposed to sacrifice the dignity of the press, by publishing every foolish and contemptible report, as well, and perhaps better, authenticated than those slanders which are unblushingly put forth from day to day against the democratic candidate, we should merit, what Mr. Parks' calumniators are now receiving—the contempt and scorn of every honorable and high-minded man.

We are opposed to Mr. Kent's political principles—who is by nature and education, a Federalist. We do not believe that the partial and exclusive policy invariably pursued by the Federalists, whenever they have the power—their inherent and undying love of monopolies—their system of SPECIAL LEGISLATION, to which they always resort for the purpose of concentrating the wealth and power of the MANY into the hands of the FEW—as the best calculated to subvert the interests of this State. We believe such policy inimical and repugnant to the constitution, both in letter and in spirit; and that it cannot and will not be tolerated for any length of time, in any State, or under any form of government, where the people are sufficiently intelligent to understand, and independent enough to assert, their rights.

We are opposed to Edward Kent for pursuing this policy—from the time he made his debut in the Legislature of this State, up to the present moment. It was his extreme bitterness and hostility to Andrew Jackson, and his love and reverence for Nicholas Biddle and the U. S. Bank, that so endeared him to the English party in this State. He was the strenuous advocate of the present miserable banking system, and of the increase of fictitious capital, and has ever scouted at the idea of a metallic currency. He has been one of the warmest advocates for that immense increase of banking capital, which has resulted in the suspension of specie payments, thereby leaving in the hands of the people, upon whom he now calls to elevate him to the Executive chair of this State, millions of irredeemable and irresponsible paper issues.

These are some of the political grounds on which we oppose Mr. Kent. The federal party are well aware of these facts; they are fully satisfied that the success of their candidate must depend upon something besides his political reputation, from which they are availing themselves of every expedient to divert the attention of the people.

Is it at all strange, then, that they should assail the private character—the moral standing of Mr. Parks? Is it at all strange, that they should scatter an army of CALUMNIATORS over the State, to go from house to house, retelling their vile slanders? Is it not—has not this policy always characterized the federal party? And will it not recoil upon them, as in the days of Jefferson and Jackson? On the former were heaped the most abusive and indecent epithets: he was a "DRUNKARD! DEBAUCHEE! and INFIDEL!" The latter was a "MURDERER!" and so shamefully ignorant that he was unable to spell words of two syllables! Yes, Democrats of Maine, such were the immoral Jefferson and Jackson. IF they were not belied by this same federal party, who, having no confidence in their own merits, would drag down to a level with themselves, those who surpass them in political and moral rectitude.

It was always the policy of the federal party, to disguise their real motives; and such is their insatiable love of power, that in order to obtain it, they find it necessary to resort to all manner of artifices to deceive the people. No sooner are they detected in building up some ruinous system, than they abandon it, and think to escape disgrace, by changing their name! Are such men fit to be trusted? Will the honest yeomanry of Maine place the least confidence

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IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

The President of the United States has made a formal demand upon the British Government for Greeley's immediate release, and indemnity for his detention in Fredericton jail.

[Jerome's Bulletin.]

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[Bangor Post.]

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Ordered, That the petitioner give notice to the heirs of said deceased and to all persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, in said County, three weeks successively, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the seventeenth day of October next, at ten o'clock A. M. and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

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At a Court of Probate held at Fryeburg within and for the County of Oxford, on the thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

ON the petition of Samuel Merrill administrator of the estate of Simeon Buckwell late of Fryeburg in said County, deceased, representing that the personal estate of said deceased is not sufficient to pay the just debts, which he owed at the time of his death by the sum of eight hundred and sixty dollars and six cents and praying for a license to sell and convey so much of the real estate of said deceased as may be necessary for the payment of said debts and incidental charges:

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Ordered, That the petitioner give notice to the heirs of said deceased and to all persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, in said County, three weeks successively, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the twenty-second day of August next, at ten o'clock A. M. and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

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SAMUEL HARLOW named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ebenezer Harlow late of Waterford in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

Ordered, That the said Samuel Harlow give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, in said County, three weeks successively, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the twenty-second day of August next, at ten o'clock A. M. and shew cause, if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved, and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased.

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ELI LONGLEY and LAURA LONGLEY, Administrators on the estate of David McVane, late of Waterford in said County, deceased, having presented their third account of administration on the estate of said deceased:

Ordered, That the said administrators give notice to the heirs and all persons interested in said estate by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, in said County, three weeks successively, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Waterford in said County, on the fifteenth day of January next, at ten o'clock A. M. and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

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THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last will and testament of

JOHN STACY.

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# THE OXFORD BANK—AGAIN.

We trust none of our readers understood the explanation in yesterday's Argus, as an endorsement by us of the resuscitation of the dead charter of the Oxford County Bank. It was not so intended—and it was given solely as the explanation of one of its officers.

The more we reflect upon the subject, the better satisfied are we of the impropriety of the proceeding in relation to that institution. The charter is dead by the statute of limitations, and the argument of those who have attempted to revive it, that the same has been done in another instance, does not in our opinion, amount to any thing like a justification. In the case cited, the charter was owned by citizens of our own State, said to be of known character and substance—in the present case the owners are principally strangers, and the Maine public has no guarantee that they will fulfill their obligations. In no event, however, strangers or not, would we approve of a Bank organization under an expired charter—and it is no more than truth to say that such an institution can have no legal existence—a company has just as good a right to set up a Bank, without any charter, as under one which is legally dead—and every bill issued by a company under such circumstances, will subject those who issue it to a heavy penalty.

We do not know but every thing is fair and above board in relation to this Oxford Bank—and in that event we would be the last to say a word to unjustly injure its credit. But we feel it to be a duty which we owe the public to say, that the institution has been organized under a dead charter, and, consequently, can have no legal existence. The circumstances attending its organization are not of a character to inspire confidence. We have not time to day to hunt up, and cite, the passages of law applicable to this question—but should it become necessary, hereafter, we are confident we shall be able to convince the community that the proceedings in question are of an illegal, as well as extraordinary character.—[Eastern Argus.]

Extract of a letter from a friend at the West.—"I have been here two months—have travelled considerably—and have seen several, if not all of the varieties of Western character. You would not like the mode of life here—but you would like some of the characteristics of the people. Their minds are generally free; their opinions liberal and independent; you rarely find an individual who is strongly tainted with religious bigotry. On the other hand, their morals are not especially pure, a great deal of knavery and libertinism prevails throughout the western country. It is probably a natural consequence, that men here should be more imprincipled in their dealings than in a settled and well organized state of society, as in the Eastern States. Here men, from all quarters, are thrown together for the first time in their lives, and tomorrow they separate for the last time.

Hence, they regard but little each other's future good opinion, being satisfied if they can produce that impression which will answer their selfish purposes at the present time. Their sole object is to watch for every opportunity to profit themselves at the expense of their neighbors and strangers. Many are the poor dupes that get 'sucked in,' as the phrase is, by the sharp ones. The people are nearly all democratic in their feelings—although they are not in all cases very profound in their judgment of what constitutes democracy in government.—They have their minds to much absorbed in the pursuit of the 'mighty dollar,' to stop long to inquire in relation to anything that does not immediately affect their pockets. There are too many, by far, who want nothing else of government but to establish banks—make canals and railroads—build up towns, &c.—and if they can but accomplish these objects, individual rights may go to the devil, or at least their destination; it all one to them. 'Go ahead, and the devil take the hindmost'—is the common maxim of the community."

Emigration to the West.—Before one makes up his mind to emigrate to the West, he must decide first, whether he prefers the chance of making a fortune there, united with a great many social discomforts—to the certainty of a competence here, united with a great many social blessings. If he prefers the former, let him go to the West—if the latter, let him stay at home. If he prefers large possessions, united with ill health and constant discontent and sorrow for what he has left behind him, to small possessions united with tranquility of mind—let him go to the West. If he prefers a quiet and peaceful neighborhood, in a village where the old puritanical virtues still remain, improved by the liberal spirit of modern times, to the bustle and confusion of an emigrant population, where all men are strangers to one another, and one's best friend, by profession, may be a runaway knave—let him stay at home. If he prefers wealth to happiness—bustle and care to good society—a wooded country to a fair open and diversified landscape, like the beautiful country round about our old settled towns—if he is willing to sacrifice present happiness, for the chance of becoming a wealthy old man—let him emigrate to the West.

Biddle and the Britishers, the United States. The Liverpool Mail, an English paper makes use of the following language in reference to the exportation of specie from this country to England. "Mr. Biddle must dictate his own terms to the Government of America. He must put down the deposit banks of SPECIE, OR PERISH."

This is precisely what Mr. Biddle has been striving to do for a long time past, but the Government would not submit to his terms, and the people would not suffer it to be put down. Mr. Biddle and his satellites have ever been striving to bring the government under the control of the Bank, and now hope to accomplish it by their high-handed measure of suspending specie payments, thereby giving them an opportunity of covertly sending off the specie of the country to their foreign allies, and thus drive the people, as a last resort for aid from present difficulty, to recharter the Bank of the United States, that they may again have the management of the fiscal concerns of the government. It will not, however, avail them aught of benefit, for the people know too well from what danger and difficulty they were saved by the destruction of the old Bank, to wish for another to be made out of its ruins.—[Saco Democrat.]

The democratic County Convention, for Cumberland County, was held at Gray on the 26th inst, agreeably to previous notice, and Messrs. Nathan L. Woodbury, Nathl S. Littlefield, Rufus Soule and Roscoe G. Greene were unanimously nominated as candidates for the State Senate, and Mark Harris for County Treasurer. The Convention was well attended, and its deliberations were marked with the usual degree of good feeling—some spirited resolutions were passed, which we should lay before our readers, if we had room.

The First Loafer.—"Have you seen Capin Pete?" asked a black fellow on the wharf at Perth Amboy. "Capin Pete, who the deuce is he?"

"Why, he's the gemman that sleeps in Miss Midd's barn, and goes with his eye out, and his nose in a sling, and his elbow all over mud, and a loaf of bread sticking out of his pocket."

That was the first Loafer. At least poor dear old Jarvis the painter, says so.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Oxford.

THE undersigned Inhabitants of the towns of Bethel, Greenwood and Norway, and said County of Oxford, respectfully represent that the interest of said towns, and the public good generally requires that an alteration should be made in the County road or a new road located leading from Lock's Mills (so called) in said County to Norway Village, so as to avoid Felt's Hill, Whittle's Hill, and Post's Hill (so called), and believing that the public convenience would be greatly promoted by such alteration or new location, your petitioners pray that the route for said alterations or location may be examined and located in your opinion it should be thought expedient.

FREDERICK COBURN & 41 others.

Oxford County, April 24, 1837.

STATE OF MAINE.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held at Paris within and for said County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of June, A. D. 1837.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners will meet at Joshua Smith's Tavern in said Norway on Wednesday the twentieth day of September next, at nine o'clock A. M. when they will proceed to view the route set forth in the petition; and immediately after such view at some convenient place in the vicinity will give a hearing to the parties and their witnesses, by causing attested copies of said Petition and of this Order of Notice to be served on the Clerk of said towns of Norway and Greenwood, and on the County Attorney of said County of Oxford, and by posting up like copies in three public places in each of said towns of Norway and Greenwood, and by publishing the same three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, the first of said publications and each of the other notices to be made, served and posted, at least, thirty days before the time of said meeting, that all persons interested in the matter and their witnesses, may cause if any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

A true copy of said Petition and Order thereon.

J. G. COLE, Clerk.

Sheriff's Sale.

OXFORD, ss.—Taken on Execution the same having been previously attached on the original writ and will be sold at public vendue on Saturday the second day of September next, at one o'clock P. M. at the dwelling house of this County in District No. 1, of Paris, of Oxford, all the right in equity which Esek Randall has or had, the last of February last past, of redeeming a certain parcel of land situated in Carthage in said County, the same being under Mortgage to Lyman Woodman, Esq. for the sum of one hundred dollars. Further particulars will be made known at the time and place of sale.

PETER AUSTIN, Deft. Sheriff.

July 10, 1837.

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HOWEVER VETERATE in one hour's application, and no danger from taking cold, by using

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## TRUSSES.

THE subscriber is aware that there is a number of kinds of Trusses already before the Public, but from experience in using number of them himself, and from the testimony of others that have worn them, he was induced to believe that a Truss better adapted to the wants of that portion of the community that have the misfortune to have a Hernia or Rupture might be made, and by the help of a kind Providence he believes that he has been enabled to invent a Truss preferable to any other now known. It is perfectly safe and easy to wear; and is a secure barrier against the escape of the Viscera without in the least degree endangering the adjacent spermatic cord. From the credit that they have already gained in the last year where they have been used, and from the testimonials of numbers who have been cured by wearing them, and from the recommendations of Surgeons and Physicians who have seen them, and the general approbation that the Truss has received for a number of miles around in every direction from this place, the subscriber can, with confidence, offer them to an enlightened public, believing that all that is necessary to secure for them in all places where they are offered for sale, that approbation they merit, is to use.

Six days is sufficient to satisfy any person of their superiority—and that time will be allowed to every one who buys a Truss, to return it if he chooses.

Persons at a distance can obtain a Truss to fit, by sending the number of feet and inches they measure round, and on which the Truss is to be applied.

A few of the many Certificates that the subscriber has in his possession are inserted below, and others sufficient to satisfy the most incredulous, can be shown by his Agents.

Brattleboro, Sept. 1836. J. S. JAC THOMPSON.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Isaac Thompson, Sr.—Having had occasion, during many years, to use Trusses for Hernia, for my patients, and for myself, I am satisfied by examining and using yours, with General application, secured as it is by an ingenious adjusting Spring and Lock, is both easier to the wearer, and more likely to effect permanent cures, than any patent or other kind which I have ever been wearing. I kept it on about four weeks longer, and then took it off and have had no occasion to wear it since. Respectfully yours, Wm. CARLTON.

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